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PARIS 22.

At UN Day Ceremony morning 24th,  
following privately in presence Ambassadors  
and undersigned:

During yesterday's Brussels Foreign Ministers Meeting  
conversation with

who both expressed opinion that Soviet reaction would center  
around Berlin. Although no specific details given, feeling  
was that Soviet effort institute some type bloc made around  
Berlin would be forthcoming. [given impression  
strong feeling solidarity among Foreign Ministers in supporting President's  
decision.

stated he had heard broadcast Western German Radio  
that 25 Soviet ships had either deviated from course or  
turned back to USSR. He quickly added that no other news  
broadcast or information available to him had confirmed this.

I took opportunity outline points contained in DEPT RTTEI 725  
which were well received. ]

had taken line that difference between quarantine  
and blockade was juridically and technically correct but  
doubted that distinction would have much effect on Soviet  
reaction. [stated speaking personally he was

surprised that Soviet initial reaction had not been stronger.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE and has detected certain phrases in Soviet note to US which  
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appeared to be seeking area for negotiation.

also expressed opinion that Mexico's stand in OAS was great personal victory for President as result his June visit.

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